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UNCLAS. AUGUST 20. PASS TO VOA. LOCAL MEDIA GAVE WIDE PLAY TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON PRESIDENT FORD WINNING THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

OVER CHALLENGER RONALD REAGAN. LEADING, HIGH CIRCULATION MORNING NEWSPAPERS LA PRZLSA GRAFICA AND EL DIARIO DE HOY BANNERLINED THE STORY AND FRONT-PAGED PHOTO STORIES OF MR. FORD AND HIS RUNNING-MATE SENATOR DOLE. BOTH DAILIES CARRIED EXTENSIVE JUMP-PAGE COVERAGE.

IN ASSESSING THE U.S. ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER, LA PRENSA GRAFICA EDITORIALY SAID THAT THE AMERICAN ELECTORAL PROCESS HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE THE WORLD OVER, ESPECIALLY FOR LATIN AMERICA.

INT ITS MINI-EDITORIAL, LA PRENSA GRAFICA SAID:

"ANTENOCHES EL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO PROCLAMO CANDIDATO A LA PRESIDENCIA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS AL ACTUAL PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD.

"FORD, LA PRIMERA PERSONA QUE LLEGA A LA PRESIDENCIA DEMAS

ESTADOS UNIDOS SIN HABER SIDO ELEGIDA POR EL PUEBLO, BUSCARA ASI SU PRIMERA ELECCION POPULAR EN LAS URNAS ELECTORALES EN EL MES DE NOVIEMBRE PROXIMO. DE OBTENER ESE TRIUNFO ELECTORAL AGREGARIA CUATRO ANOS MAS A LOS DOS ANOS QUE YA HA FUNCIONADO COHDPRESIDENTE.

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"NATURALMENTE SU TRIUNFO EN LA CONVENCION DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO SOLO ES PARA GARANTIZARLE EL APOYO DEL PARTIDO EN LAS ELECCIONES NOVIEMBRE. EN ESAS ELECCIONES TENDRA QUE COMPETIR CON EL CANDIDATO DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATA, JIMMY CARTER. ASI FOD NO HA CAMINADO MAS QUE UN TRECHO HACIA LA CASA BLANCA. PORQUE A LOS CANDIDATOS LOS ELIGEN LOS PARTIDOS, PERO A LOS PRESIDENTES LOS ELIGE EL PUEBLO.

"FALTAN TRES MESES PARA QUE LA SUCESION PRESIDENCIAL NORTEAMERICANA QUEDE TOTALMENTE DESPEJADA. ES ESE UN PROCESO ELECTORAL QUE MANTIENE LA ATENCION MUNDIAL, PARTICULARMENTE LA DE LATINOAMERICA. UN CAMBIO DE PRESIDENTE SIGNIFICARIA UN CAMBIO DE PARTIDO Y UN CAMBIO DE PARTIDO PODRIA SIGNIFICAR UN CAMBIO DE POLITICA DE WASHINGTON EN LAS RELACIONES HEMISFERICAS. Y ESTO, COMO ES NATURAL, ES UN ASPECTO QUE INTERESA, DE MODO ESPECIAL, A TODOS LOS PAISES DE LATINOMERICA.

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